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GENERAL STUDIES**

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Four options are given against each of the following questions. Select the best/correct option from among the four options and encode in the answer sheet by using **Black Ball Point Pen** only as per example given below :

Example : The capital of India is :

(A) Delhi

New Delhi

(C) Indraprastha

(D) None of these.

PART - A

Direction for Question Nos. 1 & 2

Select the appropriate preposition to fill in the blanks in the following sentences.

1. The teacher ordered me to write _____ ink.

(A) with

(B) in

(C) of

(D) on

2. The lion sprang _____ the cow.

(A) upon

(B) on

(C) over

(D) at

Direction for Question Nos. 3 & 4

Select the appropriate article to fill in the blanks in the following sentences. Select 'Zero article' if no article is required.

Direction for Question Nos. 5 to 7

Choose the correct synonym. (most nearest meaning)

Direction for Question Nos. 8 to 10

Choose the correct antonym. (most opposite meaning)

8. Lament

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| (A) mourn | (B) bewail |
| (C) jubilate | (D) transitory |

9. Inhibit

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| (A) allow | (B) prohibit |
| (C) check | (D) tolerant |

10. Inimical

- | | |
|----------------|----------------|
| (A) hostile | (B) opposed |
| (C) hospitable | (D) beneficial |

Direction for Question Nos. 11 & 12

Replace the underlined common phrases with the right option.

11. The crew of the boat passed through terrible sufferings.

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| (A) underwent | (B) overcome |
| (C) prove | (D) discover |

12. Such concern is as misplaced as it is deleterious.

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| (A) absurd | (B) concocted |
| (C) harmful and damaging | (D) misunderstood |

Direction for Question Nos. 13 & 14

In this section some part/parts of each statement have been jumbled up. These parts have been labelled as P, Q, R, S. Four alternative arrangements of the parts have been given. The right arrangement to produce the correct sentence has to be identified.

13. Went back thanked her and to the cottage Joseph's mother.

P Q R S

14. For not keeping his he apologised previous day appointment the.

P O R S

Direction for Question No. 15.

In this section each sentence is underlined and labelled in four separate sections-P, Q, R, S. Identify the section in which the error is located. If you feel that there is no error, section 'S' will signify a 'No error' response.

15. I find it difficult to cope up with your demands No error.

P Q R S

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42. Which of the countries are Sea border countries to India ?

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|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| (1) China | (2) Sri Lanka |
| (3) Andaman & Nicobar | (4) Maldives |
| (5) Lakshadweep | (6) Dadra and Nagar Haveli |
| (A) 2 and 4 | (B) 1 and 6 |
| (C) 3 and 5 | (D) None of these |

43. Which is the first country to give voting rights to women ?

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| (A) USA | (B) Sweden |
| (C) Australia | (D) New Zealand |

44. Which of the following place is famous for diamond mine ?

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| (A) Khetri | (B) Gomia |
| (C) Panna | (D) Hampi |

45. The ancient 'Crystal Quartz Weighing unit' has been found in which Archaeological Site in India ?

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| (A) Konark (Odisha) | (B) Lothal (Gujarat) |
| (C) Dewar (Madhya Pradesh) | (D) Keeladi (Tamil Nadu) |

46. In which State in India India's first 'Village Atlas' 'Mayem Biodiversity Atlas' was launched ?

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| (A) Maharashtra | (B) Goa |
| (C) Kerala | (D) Karnataka |

47. Which is the longest river in Tripura?

48. When is the 'International Day of Neutrality' observed?

49. Which institution published the book titled 'India : The Mother of Democracy' ?

- (A) Indian Council of Cultural Research
 - (B) Indian Council of Historical Research
 - (C) Election Commission of India
 - (D) NITI Aayog

50. The 'Dzukou Valley' is located in the borders of these two States.

PART - C

60. The Second Moment of a Poisson-distributed random variable is 2. Then the Mean of the random variable is _____.
(A) 0 (B) 1
(C) 10 (D) 5

61. What is the broadcast MAC address in a typical Ethernet frame ?
(A) FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF (B) 00:00:00:00:00:00
(C) 01:01:01:01:01:01 (D) 99:99:99:99:99:99

62. What is the time complexity of searching for a specific element in an unsorted array using a linear search ?
(A) O(1) (B) O(log n)
(C) O(n) (D) O(n^2)

63. The data structure required to check whether an expression contains a balanced parenthesis is
(A) Queue (B) Stack
(C) Tree (D) Array

64. Compare the time complexity of enqueue and dequeue operations in a linked list implementation of a queue :
(A) Enqueue : O(n), Dequeue : O(1) (B) Enqueue : O(1), Dequeue : O(n)
(C) Both : O(1) (D) Both : O(n)

65. What happens if you try to dequeue from an empty queue ?
- (A) It returns the last element added.
 - (B) It throws an error or exception.
 - (C) It returns a special value indicating emptiness.
 - (D) It dequeues the next element, regardless of emptiness.
66. Which of the following algorithms is the best approach for solving Huffman codes ?
- (A) exhaustive search
 - (B) greedy algorithm
 - (C) brute force algorithm
 - (D) divide and conquer algorithm
67. Which of the following sorting algorithms has the lowest time complexity in the best case scenario ?
- (A) Selection sort
 - (B) Merge sort
 - (C) Insertion sort
 - (D) Bubble sort
68. How does binary search compare to linear search in terms of efficiency for finding an element in a sorted array ?
- (A) Binary search is always slower
 - (B) Binary search is always faster
 - (C) They have the same efficiency
 - (D) Efficiency depends on the array size
69. What is the key difference between a Binary Search Tree (BST) and a binary tree ?
- (A) BST has fixed height, while binary tree can have any height.
 - (B) BST allows duplicate values, while binary tree does not.
 - (C) BST has ordered elements, while binary tree can have any arrangement.
 - (D) All of the above.

80. In a sequential circuit with states A, B, and C, if the current state is A and the next state is determined by the input as follows :

- If input is 0, stay in A.
 - If input is 1, transition to B.

What will be the next state if the current state is A and the input is 1?

81. A computer has 256 MB of physical memory and a page size of 4KB. How many page frames are there ?

82. In a paging system with internal fragmentation, a process requires 7KB of memory, but is allocated a full 8KB page frame. What is the internal fragmentation percentage?

83. In a round-robin scheduling algorithm with a time quantum of 5 milliseconds, a process bursts 12 milliseconds, 8 milliseconds, and 3 milliseconds. What is the total waiting time experienced by the process?

84. A disk has 100 sectors, each sector is 512 bytes, and the cluster size is 4 sectors. What is the maximum file size on this disk ?

90. What is the primary purpose of a system call in an operating system ?
- (A) Run arbitrary user code with full system access
 - (B) Request access to system resources and services in a controlled manner
 - (C) Communicate directly with hardware devices without OS intervention
 - (D) Manage other processes and control system behavior
91. What is the primary task of a lexical analyzer in a compiler ?
- (A) Identifies tokens based on keywords and identifiers
 - (B) Checks the semantic meaning of expressions
 - (C) Generates optimized machine code
 - (D) Builds the abstract syntax tree of the program
92. Which of the following is FALSE about a binary search tree ?
- (A) The left child is always lesser than its parent
 - (B) The right child is always greater than its parent
 - (C) The left and right subtrees should also be binary search trees
 - (D) In-order sequence gives decreasing order of elements
93. What is the difference between top-down and bottom-up parsing ?
- (A) Top-down starts with the smallest syntax unit, bottom-up starts with the largest.
 - (B) Top-down verifies rules against previous tokens, bottom-up constructs the parse tree
 - (C) Top-down is more efficient for smaller grammars, bottom-up for larger ones.
 - (D) All of the above.

99. What is the goal of constant propagation optimization?

- (A) Remove redundant expressions by replacing constants with their values
 - (B) Eliminate unnecessary function calls for known outcomes
 - (C) Reduce memory usage by allocating variables only when needed
 - (D) Improve branch prediction accuracy by analyzing control flow

100. Which of the following is NOT a common data flow analysis technique used in compilers ?

- (A) Constant propagation
 - (B) Reaching definitions
 - (C) Liveness analysis
 - (D) Type inference

101. Which of the following search algorithms has the best worst-case time complexity for searching a sorted array ?

102. What is the worst-case time complexity of searching for an element in an unsorted linked list?

103. The length of Hamiltonian Path in a connected graph of n vertices is

- (A) $n-1$ (B) n
 (C) $n+1$ (D) $n/2$

104. What is the space complexity of the quicksort algorithm?

- (A) $O(l)$ (B) $O(\log n)$
(C) $O(n)$ (D) $O(n^2)$

105. Which of the following is NOT a benefit of using hash tables for data storage and retrieval ?
- (A) Fast average-case search time (B) Efficient memory usage
(C) Guaranteed constant-time search (D) Ordered data representation
106. What does the “big O” notation represent in time complexity analysis ?
- (A) Best-case performance (B) Average-case performance
(C) Worst-case performance (D) All of these
107. Which of the following statements is TRUE about the space complexity of an algorithm ?
- (A) It always dominates the time complexity.
(B) It represents the additional memory used by the algorithm.
(C) It is always independent of the input size.
(D) Both (A) and (B) are true.
108. Which of the following is NOT a key characteristic of a greedy algorithm ?
- (A) Makes locally optimal choices at each step
(B) Does not guarantee globally optimal solution
(C) Might require backtracking to revise choices
(D) Suitable for solving problems with optimal substructure
109. What is the main advantage of using dynamic programming compared to a naive recursive approach ?
- (A) It uses less memory (B) It requires less input data
(C) It avoids redundant calculations (D) It guarantees faster execution time

110. Which port is commonly used for secure web traffic?

111. Which of the following addressing modes allows direct access to a memory location using its absolute address ?

- (A) Immediate addressing
 - (B) Direct addressing
 - (C) Indirect addressing
 - (D) Register addressing

112. In a 32-bit machine with a byte addressable memory, what is the maximum memory capacity achievable using immediate addressing ?

113. Which of the following operations is NOT performed by an ALU?

114. A 4-bit ALU can perform 2^n unique operations. What is the value of n?

115. The data path transfers data between which components?

116. What is the main advantage of instruction pipelining ?

- (A) Increased memory access speed
- (B) Reduced instruction execution time
- (C) Improved data transfer rate
- (D) All of these

117. Which of the following pipeline hazards can stall the pipeline ?

- (A) Structural hazard
- (B) Control hazard
- (C) Data hazard
- (D) All of these

118. Which level of memory hierarchy has the fastest access time but smallest capacity ?

- (A) Cache
- (B) Main memory
- (C) Secondary storage
- (D) I/O devices

119. What is the role of an Interrupt Service Routine (ISR) ?

- (A) Handle I/O requests synchronously
- (B) Respond to external events asynchronously
- (C) Manage memory allocation
- (D) Perform data encryption

120. A computer has a main memory with a capacity of 16 MB and a cache with a capacity of 4 KB. If the cache block size is 32 bytes, how many cache blocks can fit in the main memory ?

- (A) 432,000 blocks
- (B) 524,288 blocks
- (C) 325,008 blocks
- (D) None of these

121. An entity in an ER model represents

- (A) Relationships between entities
- (B) Attributes of an entity type
- (C) A real-world object or concept
- (D) All of these

122. Which of the following is NOT a basic component of the relational model ?

- (A) Relations (tables)
- (B) Tuples (rows)
- (C) Attributes (columns)
- (D) Domains (data types)

123. What is the difference between relational algebra and tuple calculus ?

- (A) Relational algebra uses set-based operations, while tuple calculus uses logic expressions.
- (B) Tuple calculus is more powerful than relational algebra.
- (C) Relational algebra operates on entire relations, while tuple calculus operates on individual tuples.
- (D) All of these.

124. Which SQL statement is used to select specific columns and rows from a table ?

- (A) CREATE TABLE
- (B) INSERT INTO
- (C) UPDATE
- (D) SELECT

125. A B-tree index has a branching factor of 4 and stores 1000 key-value pairs. What is the minimum height of the B-tree ?

- (A) 1
- (B) 2
- (C) 3
- (D) 4

126. What is the goal of normalization in database design ?

- (A) To improve data redundancy.
- (B) To reduce data anomalies (insertions, deletions, updates).
- (C) To optimize query performance.
- (D) All of these.

127. Which file organization allows efficient searching based on a sorted key?

- (A) Heap file
- (B) Ordered file
- (C) Hashed file
- (D) B-tree

128. What is the advantage of using B+trees over B-trees for indexing?

- (A) B+trees offer faster search performance due to more keys per node.
- (B) B+trees allow efficient range queries by including all key values in each leaf node.
- (C) B+trees require less storage space for the same number of keys.
- (D) B+trees are simpler to implement and maintain.

129. What does the ACID properties guarantee in a database transaction?

- (A) Atomicity, Consistency, Isolation, Durability
- (B) Availability, Confidentiality, Integrity, Data Independence
- (C) Access Control, Integrity, Distribution, Security
- (D) None of the above

130. A table has three attributes : an integer ID (4 bytes), a varchar name (average 20 bytes), and a datetime timestamp (8 bytes). If the table has 10,000 rows, approximately how much storage space does it require (assuming no overhead)?

- (A) 1.6 MB
- (B) 3.2 MB
- (C) 6.4 MB
- (D) 12.8 MB

131. Which information gathering technique is best suited for understanding user needs and pain points?

- (A) Structured interviews
- (B) Document analysis
- (C) Observation
- (D) All of these

132. What is the primary objective of feasibility analysis in a software project ?

- (A) Define the detailed system requirements
- (B) Assess the project's technical, economic, and operational viability
- (C) Design the system architecture
- (D) Estimate the development timeline and cost

133. DFDs show the flow of data within a system. What symbol represents an external entity ?

- (A) Square
- (B) Rectangle
- (C) Circle
- (D) Oval

134. What component of a process specification details the steps involved in an activity ?

- (A) Inputs
- (B) Outputs
- (C) Decision points
- (D) Algorithms

135. Which factor should be considered when designing user interfaces for an information system ?

- (A) Technical feasibility only
- (B) User needs and preferences
- (C) System functionality solely
- (D) Both user needs and functionality

136. Which life cycle model emphasizes iterative development and continuous feedback ?

- (A) Waterfall
- (B) Agile
- (C) Spiral
- (D) Prototyping

137. What key element of project management helps track progress and identify potential risks ?

- (A) Communication plan
- (B) Schedule
- (C) Scope statement
- (D) Risk management plan



143. In IPv4 addressing, what is the purpose of CIDR notation ?

- (A) To indicate the Maximum Transmission Unit (MTU)
- (B) To specify the address range and subnet mask in a concise format
- (C) To identify reserved IP addresses
- (D) To facilitate dynamic IP allocation using DHCP

144. What is the role of the Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) in computer networks ?

- (A) To translate domain names into IP addresses
- (B) To discover the hardware address (MAC address) corresponding to an IP address
- (C) To identify the route with the shortest path in a network
- (D) To resolve network congestion issues

145. Which transport layer protocol is connectionless and provides minimal overhead, suitable for applications where low latency is crucial ?

- (A) TCP (Transmission Control Protocol)
- (B) UDP (User Datagram Protocol)
- (C) IP (Internet Protocol)
- (D) ICMP (Internet Control Message Protocol)

146. What is the purpose of the Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP) in the TCP/IP protocol suite ?

- (A) To provide secure communication over the internet
- (B) To manage network congestion
- (C) To facilitate the exchange of routing information
- (D) To report errors and control messages related to network operations

147. In the context of the HTTP protocol, what is the primary purpose of the OPTIONS method ?

- (A) To request information about the communication options available
- (B) To request a representation of a specified resource
- (C) To submit data to be processed to a specified resource
- (D) To retrieve data from a specified resource

148. If a network uses IPv4 addresses and has a subnet mask of 255.255.255.224, how many subnets can be created, and how many hosts are possible in each subnet ?

- (A) 8 subnets, 30 hosts per subnet
- (B) 16 subnets, 16 hosts per subnet
- (C) 64 subnets, 6 hosts per subnet
- (D) 128 subnets, 2 hosts per subnet

149. What is the key difference between UDP and TCP protocols in the transport layer ?

- (A) TCP offers guaranteed delivery, while UDP is unreliable.
- (B) UDP is faster due to its connectionless nature.
- (C) TCP provides flow control and congestion control mechanisms
- (D) All of these.

150. A data link layer frame has a size of 1200 bytes, and the header size is 20 bytes. If the network uses a stop-and-wait protocol, what is the efficiency of the link if the transmission time for the frame is 5 milliseconds ?

- (A) 80%
- (B) 85%
- (C) 90%
- (D) 95%

151. Which HTML5 element defines the main content of a web page ?

- (A) <nav>
- (B) <header>
- (C) <main>
- (D) <footer>

152. What does CSS3 allow you to do with animations ?

- (A) Create complex 3D graphics
- (B) Trigger animations based on user interactions
- (C) Define smooth transitions between states
- (D) All of these

153. XML documents follow a strict structure because they are

- (A) used for displaying information on web pages
- (B) designed for data storage and exchange
- (C) meant to be visually appealing to users
- (D) optimized for fast loading times

154. In client-server computing, the server is responsible for

- (A) initiating requests and waiting for responses
- (B) responding to requests and sending back information
- (C) maintaining a connection between the client and the internet
- (D) None of these

155. What is the purpose of a proxy server in a network ?

- (A) Authenticating users accessing web applications
- (B) Accelerating the rendering of HTML pages
- (C) Acting as an intermediary between clients and servers, providing security performance benefits
- (D) Storing and managing session data for web applications

156. The Model-View-Controller (MVC) architecture separates

- (A) User interface components and data storage
- (B) Data, presentation logic, and user interaction
- (C) Client-side and server-side functionalities
- (D) Static content and dynamic elements

157. Web services utilize protocols like SOAP and REST to enable

- (A) Secure access to web pages protected by firewalls
- (B) Programmatic communication between applications over the internet
- (C) Real-time collaboration and data synchronization
- (D) Dynamic loading of additional content within a web page

158. The DOCTYPE declaration in HTML5 serves to

- (A) specify the document type and version
- (B) define the character encoding used
- (C) link external stylesheets and scripts
- (D) set the default viewport size for mobile devices

159. Compared to , the <div> element in HTML5 is primarily used for

- (A) Adding semantic meaning to content
- (B) Creating block-level elements with distinct sections
- (C) Emphasizing specific text within a paragraph
- (D) Grouping inline elements without affecting layout

160. In web development, when implementing an MVC architecture, what are the challenges associated with maintaining a clean separation between the Model, View, and Controller layers ?

- (A) Ensuring that the Model layer handles all user interactions
- (B) Preventing tight coupling between the Model and View layers
- (C) Minimizing the role of the Controller in handling business logic
- (D) Encouraging direct communication between the View and Controller layers

161. What is a common security concern addressed by secure coding practices in software development ?

- (A) Network latency
- (B) Code optimization
- (C) Buffer overflows and injection attacks
- (D) User interface design

162. How does Blockchain contribute to enhancing cybersecurity ?

- (A) By providing centralized control over data
- (B) By offering encryption for data at rest
- (C) By ensuring transparency and immutability of transaction records
- (D) By reducing the need for multi-factor authentication

163. What is the primary purpose of a Hardware Security Module (HSM) in the context of secure programming ?

- (A) To protect against DDoS attacks
- (B) To store and manage cryptographic keys securely
- (C) To optimize code execution speed
- (D) To monitor network traffic



164. When implementing security measures for mobile apps, what is the significance of code obfuscation ?
- (A) To improve code readability
 - (B) To make the code more concise
 - (C) To hinder reverse engineering and tampering
 - (D) To enhance code portability
165. In the context of IoT security, what is a potential risk associated with the deployment of edge computing ?
- (A) Increased latency
 - (B) Limited device connectivity
 - (C) Reduced attack surface
 - (D) Enhanced data privacy
166. What is the core principle of blockchain technology ?
- (A) Centralized data storage with strong encryption
 - (B) Distributed ledger with immutable and transparent data
 - (C) Secure peer-to-peer communication using public-key cryptography
 - (D) High-performance computing for complex data analysis
167. What is a *firewall* in a computer network ?
- (A) A filtering software
 - (B) An Operating System of Computer Network
 - (C) A router or a computer to prevent unauthorized access
 - (D) A web browsing protection software

168. What ethical considerations should be addressed when developing and deploying facial recognition technology ?

- (A) Improving image processing algorithms for better accuracy
- (B) Balancing security needs with privacy concerns and potential bias
- (C) Integrating facial recognition with existing security infrastructures
- (D) Implementing robust encryption to protect user data

169. Which cryptographic algorithm is commonly used in Blockchain to secure transactions by providing a secure, irreversible hash ?

- (A) SHA-256 (Secure Hash Algorithm 256-bit)
- (B) AES (Advanced Encryption Standard)
- (C) RSA (Rivest-Shamir-Adleman)
- (D) DES (Data Encryption Standard)

170. How does Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) improve security in mobile applications ?

- (A) By encrypting all data stored on the device
- (B) By restricting access to specific locations and networks
- (C) By requiring additional verification factors beyond a password
- (D) By automatically updating apps to the latest security patches.